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**Subject:** Microsoft and DOJ

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This is a post I placed on the MSNBC website and my feelings on the issue haven't changed. Please read through the full post. Note, there are responses to my post included.  
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Microsoft Monopoly?! (NOT)  
Andrew Chadick  
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Wed Nov 10 13:32:28

Microsoft entered the market place as a company with a desire to grow and be number one. This much has never been in question. Microsoft developed a piece of software that allows other programs to run with in the same program. This again has never been in question. Who owns the OS? The company that wrote it? The American People? Our Government? Who gets to say what is and can be run on an OS? The answer is simple. Microsoft created a program which has been purchased by millions of people. The program, whether flawed, perfect, or usable, is not even a question to be asked, the only thing in play here is ownership. Microsoft owns the rights to the OS they wrote. Period. What runs in the software is completely up to Microsoft, and if a person does not like that attitude, they should purchase something else. No one has forced the Microsoft product to become the standard by which all others are measured. And there are many options when choosing a platform to run software. Netscape created a program. Its compatibility with another program is not Microsoft's concern. Netscape should create their own OS if they are not happy running as a parasite on Microsoft's program. That is what "FREE? enterprise is all about! You create something, market it, and if it is purchased... GREAT, if not, go back to the drawing board and start over. The United States is great because of some rudimentary principals, and our justice department needs to revise the word "justice" in their title. People choose. That's freedom. Microsoft is a vendor, if no one buys the product they will go under just like any other company, if you like the software, buy it, and support the company, if not, buy something else and support it, and if neither option is to your liking make something of your own. End of Story. Microsoft made it to where they are because of a simple transaction, people bought the program. Microsoft made the product great by making it expandable, making it allow other programs to run on it. Microsoft in this way is gracious to those of us who program and create programs, and in general, we are grateful to be supported by this company. If we don't like it, we can go else where. I speak for myself when I say this, but I know there are many that believe as I do.

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I too can't believe the socialist (?) tendencies of the self-appointed Injustice Department. They are complete airheads regarding technology and the American marketplace. The last thing I want to see is the federal government determining what kind of operating system I can buy. The fact is that all these whiners can strip their machines of everything with Microsoft on it, and replace it with their darling little "boutique geek" software (Linux, etc.). The reason most of us don't is that we PREFER and WILL PAY FOR a well integrated OS/Office Suite/Browser package at the REASONABLE PRICES Microsoft charges. In case everyone has forgotten, we already had an era where there was an abundance of incompatible system software tools. The general public wasn't buying then and they sure as hell wouldn't buy it now! So lay off of Microsoft. I LOVE what they have done for the average Joe. On Wed Nov 10 13:32:28, Andrew Chadick wrote:> Microsoft entered the market place as a company with a > desire to grow and be number one. This much has never > been in question. Microsoft developed a piece of > software that allows other programs to run with in the > same program. This again has never been in question. > Who owns the OS? The company that wrote it? The > American People? Our Government? Who gets to say what > is and can be run on an OS? The answer is simple. > Microsoft created a program which has been purchased by > millions of people. The program, whether flawed, > perfect, or usable, is not even a question to be asked, > the only thing in play here is ownership. Microsoft owns > the rights to the OS they wrote. Period. What runs in > the software is completely up to Microsoft, and if a > person does not like that attitude, they should purchase > something else. No one has forced the Microsoft product > to become the standard by which all others are measured. > And there are many options when choosing a platform to > run software. Netscape created a program. Its > compatibility with another program is not Microsoft's > concern. Netscape should create their own OS if they are > not happy running as a parasite on Microsoft's program. > That is what "FREE" enterprise is all about! You > create something, market it, and if it is purchased... > GREAT, if not, go back to the drawing board and start > over. The United States is great because of some > rudimentary principals, and our justice department needs > to revise the word "justice" in their title. > People choose. That's freedom. Microsoft is a vendor, > if no one buys the product they will go under just like > any other company, if you like the software, buy it, and > support the company, if not, buy something else and > support it, and if neither option is to your liking make > something of your own. End of Story. Microsoft made it > to where they are because of a simple transaction, people > bought the program. Microsoft made the product great by > making expandable, making it allow other programs to run > on it. Microsoft in this way is gracious to those of us > who program and create programs, and in general, we are > grateful to be supported by this company. If we don't > like it, we can go else where. I speak for myself when I > say this, but I know there are many that believe as I do.>

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grateful to be supported by this company. If we don't > like it, we can go else where. I speak for myself

when I > say this, but I know there are many that believe as I do.> There are many others like you out

there. I for one was an avid Netscape user until 1996. The year that Microsoft & Netscape released their

newest and finest browsers. I remember this like it was yesterday and it is the biggest reason I am a

Microsoft supporter. In a 2 day period (at that time I was still using a modem) I downloaded Netscape

Communicator 4.0 and Internet explorer 4.0, in that order. The first night was

Netscape (my favorite browser

at the time). It was great (new features etc). The next night I downloaded IE 4.0

and rebooted my PC.... I

haven't used Netscape for my own pleasure since! Now for those who think I haven't

looked back, you are

wrong, I am a web developer and am constantly using Netscape to make sure my pages look right in both

browsers. I even have the latest version, and the truth is that Netscape has not added anything new since 96,

Microsoft is the company that has pushed with all their effort to better their browser not Netscape.Netscape

has watched their market share drop from their own lack of a innovation, not because Microsoft is a monopoly.

Microsoft has plenty to worry about when it comes to competition and have this lawsuit over them is

detrimental to all of the other companies that think this will help them. Competition is very alive.... What

if Adobe sat back and stopped innovating after creating PhotoShop 3.0? Microsoft today would be the leader

there too (this is just an example). But Adobe hasn't.... Microsoft and Adobe both have graphics suits yet

everyone knows that Adobe's is the preferred program (even myself). This is only because Adobe INNOVATES,

they are addi

ng features to keep ahead of the game just like Microsoft. A fundamental problem with the situation is the

lack of innovation by both Netscape & its parent company AOL, now with AOL's business concept behind Netscape

we are now seeing problems. AOL I will agree is the absolute BEST way to get a beginner on the internet (and

that is how they built their business), however they have a fundamental problem with their model... there is

no room to grow! AOL is now paying the price for this by losing customers who have learned over time (imagine

that) that the internet is much more than AOL. AOL's problem comes from that fact that they themselves

haven't given their users a way to grow, AOL is AOL is AOL.... weather you are a beginner, novice or advanced

user, and that is NOT how you keep customers. The other companies out there that are backing the Government

in this case are doing so simply to avoid innovation.

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Subject:From:Host:Date: Very Good ReadingTed  
1cust5.tnt2.birmingham.al.da.uu.netWed Nov  
10 17:34:50  
You should repost this at top every day. Imagine the progress that has been lost tring  
to settle this, and  
many other wastfull 'Justice Probes'

Subject:From:Host:Date: Re: Monopoly?!Meebert 208.7.142.140Thu Nov 11 08:09:24

Absolutely right.just because we don't LIKE Bill Gates, or just because Hhis  
competitors have no chance is not  
enough reason to steal his life's work out from under him and pass it around like  
yesterday's bread.If this  
all happens, Americans are far more stupid than I had thought. Why not dig your own  
grave? You do it to MS,  
next it will happen to you. To you, the simple owner of the corner store. If it  
happens to me, I'm moving to  
another country where at least even though the truth sucks, it's still the truth.Bert

Subject:From:Host:Date: the whole thing is ridiculous.Meebert  
208.7.142.140Thu Nov 11  
08:04:45  
Take a large company. tear it down and cut it up and give it to the vultures of it's  
competitors because it  
has the best product. Windows is not bug free, but last I've seen, neither is CDE or  
Linux, or Xwindows or  
Solaris. MS is on top because they made a product that was not only easy to use, but  
functional and backward  
compatible. This is a huge undertaking, and none of their competitors even remotely  
compared.Giving away  
windows source code is unbelieably stupid and unfair. MS spent billions in research,  
over 15 years of work,  
time and effort to create what we all use. and now, because they are a "huge" company,  
they are being  
punished, all their wok being taken away, by a government that just loves to push  
people around.This whole  
fight is about Sun and Netscape whining about MS putting out a superior product.  
Netscape Navigator was  
better. But MS has more coders, better coders, and in the end, they won. I'm a web  
developer, I used to love  
Netscape, until I noticed that Netscape could not do half of what IE can do. Now I use  
IE because Netscape  
cannot function as a viable web browser. not to mention it is far far more buggy.This  
is very typical of our  
current society. If we don't like what we see, we cry, we sue, we whine, and kick our  
feet like children, and  
Big daddy government will come and save us from the evil money makers.This is  
incentive for anyone out here to  
know that you better not be successful. if you are successful too much, your success  
will be confiscated.Bert

Subject:From:Host:Date: Is MS a Monopoly? Yes, but...Roy Wells  
pixsv159.isi.comThu Nov  
11 08:48:28  
Microsoft holds monopoly power. However, how has the company used it? Because of  
DOS, then Windows,  
computers are cheaper, software is cheaper and alternatives in hardware and  
applications are all cheaper.So

who has the Microsoft Monopoly hurt? Netscape? Last I checked, the reason Netscape is not doing so well is that MS had a superior product that was cheaper (free) so Netscape went to the courts. Who else? Novell? So Novell went to Sen. Hatch. SO, let's break up Microsoft. Computers can then increase in price, the loss of a standard OS will mean fewer options available under applications (since not everyone will want to port their applications to all the different OS platforms) and hardware (same problem) and so. Breaking up the Monopoly will success -- at a cost to the user.

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Subject:From:Host:Date: True AmericanTed  
exch.paragon-eng.netThu Nov 11 09:05:13  
So many times when I here how the 'Justice' dept. is mistreating a true American that climbed up from just a suitcase....I would tell them were to get off, shut down and move out. The 'Justice' dept. is killing the 'American Spirit'

Subject:From:Host:Date: Re: Monopoly?!User 12.24.246.81Thu Nov 11 09:05:39  
> If this all happens, Americans are far more stupid than I > had thought. Well, it's not really Joe Q. Public that's prosecuting Microsoft. It's a combination of blood-thirsty lawyers and a government that decided it's time to push their weight around again. That's not to say there aren't a lot of people that are leeching onto the anti-MS bandwagon. These people are:1) Chronic whiners and complainersand/or2) Lemings

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